

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8 and 11-24 are rejected. Claims 9, 10, 25 and 26 are objected to.

The Applicants sincerely thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 9, 10, 25 and 26.

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection and in the interest of furthering prosecution on the merits, the Applicants are canceling claims 1-8 and 11-24 (thereby rendering the rejection moot) and rewriting claims 9, 10, 25 and 26 as recommended by the Examiner in the Office Action. Therefore, upon entry and consideration of this amendment it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn and that claims 9, 10, 25 and 26 be allowed.

CONCLUSION

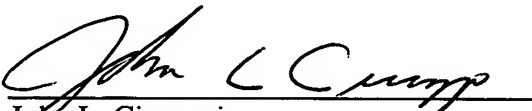
In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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